

EPA's Clean Water Act Financial Capability Assessment Guidance Stakeholder Engagement



Wednesday, April 29, 2026 1-2:30 PM ET
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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites public comment on its Clean Water Act (CWA) Financial Capability Assessment (FCA) Guidance. As part of EPA's ongoing effort to ensure effective and practical implementation of the CWA, the agency is revisiting the guidance to improve clarity, address community concerns, and strengthen support for public health protection.

EPA requests public comment on ways to more effectively assess the financial capacity of utilities undertaking water infrastructure projects to meet CWA requirements and inform water quality standards (WQS) decisions. The agency also welcomes input on additional perspectives or considerations that should be reflected in future updates to the FCA Guidance. Specifically, the agency seeks feedback on approaches to measure the severity and prevalence of poverty in a community, approaches to incorporate cost of living in assessment, approaches to determine compliance schedule length, and approaches and application of the FCA to determine cost in WQS decisions.

EPA will accept comment through May 26, 2026 via the Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov/>, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2026-1090.

EPA will host two virtual stakeholder engagement webinars for the public to contribute or listen to feedback about the FCA Guidance. Interested parties can sign up to give oral comments through the webinar registration links. Register by April 24 and May 1, respectively, if interested in providing oral comments during the webinars. Due to anticipated interest, comments will be limited to 3-5 minutes.

For additional information on EPA's CWA FCA, visit

<https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/clean-water-act-financial-capability-assessment-guidance>